

Anti-Virus Policy

The use of anti-virus software is critical in protecting individual users and the University from virus infection.

University Owned Computers

Every LMU computer issued to students, faculty or staff is configured with virus software installed and pre-subscribed for live updates.

Personally Owned Computers

This policy requires that any user who connects a personally-owned computer to LMU's network and Internet resources must have anti-virus software installed and working. It is the responsibility of the person who uses or who owns the computer to run a "live update" at least once a week to keep virus definitions current and to run a virus scan at least once a month.

There are generally two components to anti-virus software:

1. The anti-virus software itself, which is used to scan the computer for viruses. The software may have been installed on a personal computer at the time of purchase. If not, or if it was a demo version that has expired, the software will need to be purchased. Personal purchases of anti-virus software can be done online or through the College Bookstore.
2. Personal computers must have a subscription to an anti-virus company such as Symantec or McAfee, to receive new virus definition updates so new viruses can be detected. When anti-virus software is purchased, there is generally a period of time, typically one year, during which the purchaser can receive virus definition updates at no additional cost. After this period the subscribe service must be purchased to continue the updates.

Note: Expired versions of anti-virus software or old virus definitions will not protect computers from viruses, and therefore do not meet the requirements of this policy.

Sanctions

Users found in violation of this policy will have their network access blocked until anti-virus software has been installed and verified by ITS. Users may be held financially responsible for virus damage inflicted on the LMU network by their non-protected computers.